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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDCI
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FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Meeting with Senator Inouye

1. Senator Inouye indicated to me that he is developing a memorandum which will call for monthly meetings with the DCI to review all covert action and clandestine collection operations. This would be for the SSCI and two staff members only.

2. Upon completion of the review the Committee would vote its approval or disapproval of the operations. (NOTE: At one point the Senator used "approval." At another he used "objection or lack of objection"--it seems to me the latter would be far preferable.)

3. The Senator will provide us a copy of this proposed memorandum which he has generally cleared with his Committee. He then expects to negotiate any possible changes in the wording with us and take it back to the Committee.

4. One of my initial reactions is whether once a month is more frequent than is necessary. I'd appreciate your judgment on whether these situations change that rapidly. As far as covert action is concerned any new ones occurring in the month have to be brought to the Committee anyway so for covert action we are talking only about the possibility of some change in the scope of the operation. It seems to me we should report that in any event. Thus, the issue comes as to whether a quarterly review would provide too much opportunity for the initiation of sensitive clandestine collection operations?

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